

Wilmington, Delaware
April 16, 2009

WHEREAS, two companion bills to be considered by the Delaware General

Assembly will address the closely related issues of re-entry of offenders who have discharged their sentences and are returning to their communities and the issue of health care for imprisoned offenders and community-based comprehensive programs; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation Act and the

single payer, non-government run Delaware Health Security Act (H. B. 177), which has the support of at least 32 statewide supportive organizations throughout Delaware, address the serious problems of comprehensive health care coverage for all members of our community; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that the Health Security Act will save the City

of Wilmington approximately one million dollars annually now spent for health care for employees and retirees and the full implementation of the Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation Act, by completely covering all drug treatment and physical, mental health needs of all incarcerated prisoners and those to be treated and rehabilitated in the proposed county-wide Rehabilitation Centers (expanded drug treatment centers), will enable the city and state to much more adequately address these community-wide issues and concerns in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF

THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Council hereby expresses its support for the efforts of the Delaware Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation Coalition to focus attention on

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the Delaware Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation Act and the Delaware Health Security Act so that the health care concerns of prisoners in the Delaware Correctional System and those prisoners returning to their communities after discharge of the sentences will be fully and adequately addressed in the future for the betterment of all individuals in our communities.

Passed by City Council,
April 16, 2009

Attest: Maribel Ruiz
City Clerk

Approved as to form this
16th day of April, 2009

John E. Sheridan
City Solicitor